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Town Topics

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Can Not Be Hid."

H. C. Barker was in Portland, Saturday.

C. M. Wormell was in Portland, Saturday.

Don't forget the bargains in hamburgs and laces at Miss Burnham's.

Lawyer Hersey of Buckfield, stayed at the Elms House, Monday night.

Mrs. Newton Richardson is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stearns in Norway.

F. H. Lovjoy is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lovejoy.

Mr. Albert Copeland is settling up his business and will soon start for the Klondike.

W. C. Stearns of Paris, brother of Mrs. E. C. Park spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Park.

There were twenty-eight Oxford citizens who attended the Prize Speaking Contest, Friday evening.

Milton Penley who has been suffering for about two weeks from an attack of the grip is able to be out again.

Several are trying to get rid of some of the snow by hauling it off, but even then it is difficult to find places to put it.

For the second Sunday in Lent Rev. Mr. Barton will take for his subject, "Regeneration, or the Birth from Above."

Miss Ethel Stone who has been visiting her grandfather, C. M. Wormell for the past two weeks, returned home, Saturday.

The third meeting of the promoters of the electric light project, will be held at the Bethel Savings Bank to-morrow evening; a good attendance is desired.

Mrs. S. N. Bennett of Norway Lake, made us a pleasant call, Monday morning. Mrs. Bennett has been in town for two weeks caring for her sister, Mrs. Thos. Morrill.

The Auxiliary to the Maine Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All interested in this work in our State are cordially invited.

Social Evening of the Monhegan Club.

The members of the Monhegan Club were entertained by Miss Jessie Philbrook at her home on February 18th. The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner. After a very dainty lunch the spacious hall was opened and the guests enjoyed a few of the old-time dances. The Club will meet at the usual place on to-morrow evening, March 3rd.

Citizens Caucus.

Many citizens of Bethel have requested the Republican and Democratic Town Committees to call a caucus for the purpose of putting in nomination, candidates for the various town offices to be filled at the annual town meeting to be held next Monday. The two committees have met and have decided to issue a call for all legal voters of Bethel to meet in such caucus on Friday next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Odson Hall.

E. C. Park, J. U. Purington, B. W. Kimball, W. W. Hastings, F. L. Edwards, F. B. Howe, Republican Committee, Democratic Committee.

Notice.

Having received several inquiries by mail asking me if I am a candidate for the position of Postmaster, I take this method of announcing to the patrons of the Bethel Post office that I am, and if favored with the position, will endeavor to maintain the present efficiency of the office.

Yours respectfully, Geo. E. King.

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PRIZE SPEAKING.

We are well aware that the desire to "point a moral and adorn a tale" is one that is best as a general thing to check, lest the habit become so tedious as to defeat its object. But one surely may be pardoned if one sees in the Prize Speaking Contest of Gould's Academy, an occasion for indulging for a moment one's propensity. Being one of the many tender-hearted persons who can never forget in the most exultant victory, as a recent poem has it, "the white, strained faces of the men who failed," the writer confesses to having hitherto entertained a slight disapproval of prize contests. But the spirit which Mr. Hanscom has succeeded in making the dominant feature of this one, has worked a conversion. One wishes it were possible to reproduce the lay sermon which was given the students at the outset, concerning the motives and ideals with which they should enter the contest. Surely, when one remembers that one of the inevitable lessons of life is, that in the consciousness of having done one's best lies the highest possible reward of endeavor—and we do not go far in experience before we learn it is often our only reward—it must be granted that the discipline that comes from such a contest may be by no means the least valuable part of the term's work. Fortunately the stern discipline which comes to most of us sooner or later in failure of our best efforts to win recognition and appreciation, was by no means visited upon those girls and boys in whom all our interests were centered last Friday evening, and whose every success was so heartily recognized and rejoiced in.

And what a splendid audience that was! A fit indication, as the Principal said, of the interest of this community in its grand old Academy, and of that also which he modestly disclaimed, our interest in and devotion to its present teachers and students. One unusual and gratifying element in it was the large delegation from Oxford whose presence was such a tribute to Mr. Hanscom. The next worst thing to being a judge in a Prize Speaking Contest, which nothing on earth would induce us to be, is to be a reporter, which nothing on earth should have induced us to be. For how discriminate between parts each in its way so admirably given? The merit was unusually even. There was no one participating who might not fairly have been considered by his or her friends as deserving the prize.

There were certainly several who should have had the first prize and all the rest should have had the second. The judges seem to have awarded the first prize for difficult complex parts, and the second for simplicity and naturalness. Miss Florence Carter and Mr. Leon Walker for their facile and finished rendering of selections requiring broad range of action and infection, certainly deserved the distinction which they won. Tom Sawyer is always a little fellow in knee breeches is pretty sure to carry everything before him, especially when he is a boy for whom everybody has a good word, and a worker withal. So one did not wonder that the clever manner in which Edwin Harvey gave his part, won the enthusiastic applause of the audience, and the second prize, Miss Ethel Sanborn's "Mourning Veil" was as bright and sweet and natural as could be, and a part to which she adapted herself perfectly.

Then as to those who did not win prizes, because there weren't enough to go around, but who won nevertheless, the most thorough appreciation and sincerest praise.

Miss Godwin's portrayal of the awkward country lad with the gentleman's heart, was remarkably well done. Mr. Bisbee had one of Richard Harding Davis' inimitable sketches, which he did admirably, the finish with which every sentence was given showing the unmistakable results of the very best training. Miss Perkins gave in a manner that showed painstaking drill. Miss Stanton's selection from Tourgee, was given with charming finish and grace of manner and expression, which also characterized Miss Sara Chapman's rendering of the classic from Mrs. Phelps-Ward, and Miss Douglass' "Shadow of Doom."

Mr. French had chosen that best thing from Dickens "The Execution of Sidney Carton" which he rendered finely. To one who has an admiration for the good literature of the '40's, it is a great de-

light to hear such a selection as this which Mr. French so wisely chose. On that account Mr. Chas. Holmes' fine, old selection from Wendell Phillips was especially pleasing, as well as on account of its round, clear tones, and distinct utterance which made it such a pleasure to listen to him. Mr. Holmes was handicapped in his preparation by a severe illness which seemed to give him an uneven chance, but he has certainly the natural gifts of a speaker, and no part of the evening gave more satisfaction than his. Miss Shaw had chosen a characteristic selection from Lafcadio Hearn, whose descriptions of Japanese life are so charmingly written. Her part as well as Miss Cora Farwell's, was given in an easy, graceful manner. Mr. Marl Holt's clever, realistic impersonation of a rustic at one of Rubinstein's piano recitals delighted everyone; and Mr. Gay's rendering of a difficult part showed great training and much natural ability. Mr. George Blake's "Hand Car 412" was one of the very best things of the evening, and if some of us had been judges there would have had to be another first prize for him; for in our opinion his part ranked evenly with Mr. Walker's.

The programme was pleasantly interspersed by a piano solo by Miss Billings, vocal solo by Mr. Field, a selection from the always charming male quartette, and from the popular mixed quartette of the Academy.

One who chanced to watch the alert, tense expression on Miss Mayo's face as she followed the various parts, can readily understand the power that has been behind such results. Miss Mayo has the enthusiasm and untiring energy of the successful teacher and has added to those laurels already won, by the success of her work with the students here.

Judge Stearns for the committee of award, presented the prizes. The first prize for the young ladies was a beautiful illustrated copy of "The Marble Faun," in two volumes; first prize for the young gentlemen, three volumes of John Fiske's "Histories," "Beginnings of New England, and American Revolution." The second prizes were uniform and were handsome copies of the well-known "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations."

And what was the very best thing of the evening? The whole-hearted, generous way in which some many fellows rushed up to congratulate their comrades who had won the first prize, and smiled on the smallest competitor, who seemed so surprised at his good fortune. I don't doubt that the young ladies greeted the prize winners of their number in an equally gracious manner too, and I happened to see the boys, and I thought it, as who would not, the finest of all the fine things they had done that evening.

M. C. H.

The following appeal from the National officers of the W. C. T. U., is followed by another which will make the significance of the day doubly sacred.

NEAL DOW'S BIRTHDAY.

New York, Feb. 5.—The W. C. T. U. to-day issued the following appeal:

"The National Women's Christian Temperance Union earnestly asks the co-operation of the Christian church, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Epworth League, the Baptist Young People's Social Union, the National Temperance Society, the Good Templars, the Prohibition party and all other temperance, religious and philanthropic societies who are willing to help in the celebrating of the birthday of Gen. Neal Dow, March 20, for the purpose of strengthening the public sentiment that seeks the prohibition of the liquor traffic in our own and every land.

(Signed) "Frances E. Willard, Pres. "Katherine Lent Stevenson, Sec."

WILLARD MEMORIAL DAY.

Chicago, February 25.—Sunday, March 20th, is set apart by the general officers of the W. C. T. U., as a special memorial day for Frances E. Willard. It is already a red letter among the white ribbons, being "Prohibition day," the birthday of Gen. Neal Dow.

Two great leaders have fallen, gone to their great reward after a life of cheerful, loving service, and the responsibility of the work falls with heavier might upon those left to still fight for the purity of the home and society and for the wiping out of intemperance in every form. Let us rally with renewed earnestness and a fuller consecration so that the day may soon dawn upon a land prosperous, pure and holy.

Methodism in Oxford County.

BY G. B. HANNAFORD.

In the year 1798, Rev. Nicholas Snethen of Portland, visited Rumford and Bethel and preached a few times in each town. A class was formed in Rumford, at or near Rumford Falls. Said class numbered 14 members. It was composed of members of the Martin, Wheeler, Virgin and Putnam families. Rev. John Martin a resident of Rumford, was a local preacher and preached to the people from time to time, holding his meetings in school-houses and barns. He died in Rumford in 1805, and was the first person buried in Rumford Center cemetery.

In 1825, a Methodist church was built at East Rumford; Chas. Abbott recently deceased, told me he attended a Methodist Quarterly meeting in the Enoch Knapp house at Rumford Falls, the same year. From 1800 to 1832, Rumford was a part of Bethel circuit. The Conference of 1832 made of Rumford and some of the adjoining towns a separate circuit giving it the name, Rumford Circuit. Rev. Job Pratt was preacher in charge. He died in 1833 and was buried in the cemetery at East Rumford.

In 1834, Rev. D. F. Quimby and C. C. Mason were pastors. Bro. Mason told me he saw 108 persons rise for prayers, bow before the Lord and heard them say their sins were forgiven. In 1865, the old church was taken down and a Union church took its place.

The same year, a Methodist church was built at Rumford Center. The next year a Union church was erected at Rumford Corner. In 1876, the old parsonage at East Rumford was sold and the society bought the house they now own at Rumford Center. In 1893, Rev. J. A. Corey preached to a congregation in one of the streets of our new village at Rumford Falls.

The following July, a society was organized, consisting of eight members. Rev. D. F. Faulkner was appointed preacher in charge. He served the church acceptably until May 1896. During Bro. Faulkner's pastorate, a church was erected; the outside of the building was completed, the inside furnished with chairs and the society worshipped God in the new church. The church had grown from 8 to 35.

In 1895, G. B. Hannaford was appointed pastor of the church. During the summer of that year, pews, pulpit, hymnals, electric chandeliers, an organ and a church bell were purchased. The church was dedicated, Sept. 6th, Rev. G. D. Linsley preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. E. T. Adams preached in the evening. Mr. Hannaford was pastor two years. During his pastorate he raised for the society and expended on it, and in the church building, \$2150, and added 31 new members. Rev. J. L. Hoyle was appointed pastor at our last Conference and is doing good work.

ANDOVER.

There have always been Methodist members in Andover since the town was organized. Until 1870 the Methodist people in Andover belonged to Rumford church and Andover was a part of Rumford circuit. Rev. Ira G. Sprague was appointed pastor of the society that year. He served the church three years, built a neat comfortable house of worship.

Since 1870, Andover has been a station. The society has been and is small and weak. There is but little prospect of its becoming a self-supporting church.

NEWRY.

Newry was formerly a part of Bethel circuit. Allen in his history of Maine Methodism says, "Newry and several towns north were set off in 1851." Rev. N. A. Soule was preacher in charge. A Union church was built at Newry Corner several years ago. It has been occupied mostly by the Methodist, built and own a parsonage at the Corner. Newry is now a part of Bethel circuit.

UPTON.

In 1873 Bro. Sprague commenced his work in Upton. Previous to that time Upton was a part of Newry circuit. Bro. Sprague caused a Union church to be built on Upton Hill. Our Conference sent preachers there a few years, but finally abandoned the field. I think we made a great mistake when we gave up our work in Upton.

MASON.

In 1837, Rev. Chas. Lovejoy held services in Mason. In 1869, Rev. Benjamin Lufkin stirred up the people to erect a house of worship in the town. The house was finished and dedicated in 1873.

Albany and Gilead were a part of Mason circuit. The society finally became so small and poor that it was impossible to give a

pastor a comfortable support and Mason circuit was connected with Bethel.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

In the spring of 1832, G. B. Hannaford received a letter from the late Mrs. Maria McKenney requesting him to appoint a preaching service in that place. He consented to do so. That old lady went through the village and notified the people that a preaching service would be held in Currier's Hall the next Sunday. About forty persons were present. An appointment for another service was given. Meetings were continued through the year. There were a few conversions. In due time a society was organized; the people in the place were anxious to have a house of worship erected. The Methodist society was not able to build a church, but they were more than glad to assist in building a Union church. The house was built in 1884. The pastor preached the first sermon, Jan. 25th, 1885. It was a day of rejoicing.

Subsequently, dedicatory services were held. G. B. Hannaford preached in the morning; Miss Angel preached in the afternoon. Several Baptist ministers were present and took part in the services. The house cost \$1600. It is a gem of a church. I thank my Master for calling me to that church and to that place. I was as happy as a king on his throne. I received a little more than one hundred dollars a year for my work, but my Heavenly Father supplied my needs and better than all the rest, He gave me peace in my soul. Ira Jordan, Lester Tibbels, sister Elizabeth Bean gave the lot and \$30. Eben Rand was among those who gave liberally toward building the church at Locke's Mills.

WOODSTOCK.

Quite a large per cent of the early settlers of Woodstock were either members of the M. E. church or believed Methodist doctrines. Rev. Jesse H. Stephens was quite a noted local preacher. He held meetings in barns, school-houses, private houses and groves, and was prospered in his work. In 1814, Rev. John Adams organized a Methodist society. Most of the early settlers of Woodstock were poor. The Methodists were unable to build a church; for fifty years they held their services wherever they could. In 1856, the Methodist and Free Baptist built a church in the south part of the town; subsequently the Free Baptists built a church at West Paris and the Methodists, became exclusive owners of the church at South Woodstock.

Woodstock has never been a circuit by itself, but has been connected with some other M. E. church. The older members have died and there has been but few to take their places.

PARIS.

Paris circuit including the towns of Paris and Woodstock became a separate circuit in 1830. A class was formed in the north part of the town in 1812. A church was built there in 1839. In 1816, Rev. John Adams organized a society at South Paris. In 1836-37, Rev. W. F. Farrington was preacher in charge. He caused a chapel to be built; in 1848 the chapel was burned. Subsequently a church was built in the village at a cost of \$2000. It has since been enlarged and repaired. South Paris is now one of the strongest churches of Oxford County.

As before stated the society built a church at North Paris in 1829, and worshipped there for several years. Later the church was repaired and dedicated a Union church. The Baptists owned one half, the Methodist one quarter, and the Universalist the remainder.

Since 1880, the Methodists occupied the church one half the time, until four years ago, when they moved into a nice chapel of their own, built by the heroic society under the leadership of Rev. A. K. Bryant.

North Paris has given to Maine Conference seven ministers, viz., Caleb Fuller, Aaron and Daniel Fuller, Hiram and Seth B. Chase, Orrin Bent and Nathan Andrews. The West Paris class was formed in 1867. The little society was visited occasionally by ministers from South Woodstock Rev. S. D. Brown was the first minister who held regular services in West Paris. He commenced his labors there in 1874. In 1878, a chapel was built there. During the winter of 1885-86 the writer saw several brought to Christ; some of the converts became members of our church. Bro. A. K. Bryant has served the church faithfully the last five years. He made an effort to build a parsonage and his heroic labors have been crowned with success.

As usual Bro. Bryant did not wish to be penned up in the narrow limits of a 20 mile circuit; he has found his way into the regions beyond, entered Greenwood City, repaired the old church there, preached the Gospel of the Son of God to the people, has seen a large number brought to Christ and will soon leave West Paris followed by the prayers and benedictions of his parishioners. We may hear by and by that he is doing work for God in Alaska.

NORWAY.

Previous to 1835, Norway was a part of Bethel circuit. At one time it was connected with Paris. Our society owned and worshipped in a church in the north part of the town. Rev. H. W. Latham was pastor in 1835. For several years North Norway has made a part of either Norway, Bethel, or Albany circuits.

In 1876, Rev. J. B. Lapham, pastor of our church in South Paris organized a class in Norway village. Rev. Fred. Rogers of South Paris, held several meetings in Norway in 1878 and saw a gracious revival. In 1879, Norway was made a part of South Paris circuit and remained a part of the circuit until 1884. The conference of 1894 saw fit to make Norway a station and appointed Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, pastor.

Since that time, the Society has grown and prospered. We have to-day a society in Norway, large and strong enough to entertain our Annual Conference. We are anticipating a royal good time there next April.

OXFORD.

If Allen's History of Maine Methodism is true, the first Methodist society in Oxford County was formed in Oxford. Rev. Philip Noyes preached a sermon in the house of John Caldwell in 1874. A class was formed that year. In 1796, the meetings were removed to a school-house in that vicinity. Jesse Stoneham, Timothy Merritt, Joshua Soule, Asa Heath, Reuben Hubbard and Joel Walker were among the early preachers.

From 1824 to 1843, Oxford was included in Poland or South Paris circuits. In 1825, Rev. Job Pratt saw a wonderful revival. In 1857 and 58, Rev. E. Martin led the praying hearts of Oxford on to wonderful victory. In 1861, an M. E. church was erected in Oxford village. Five years later, a church was built in Welchville. The two societies are served by the one pastor.

BUCKFIELD.

In 1878, Rev. W. H. Trafton organized a small class in Buckfield village. In 1879, Rev. S. T. Record was appointed pastor of Turner and Buckfield societies. He remained with them three years. During his pastorate a church was built in Buckfield and dedicated free of debt. G. B. Hannaford was pastor during the Conference year '94. Several were converted that year. Six were baptized in the church, Oct. 7th. Others were baptized later.

Rev. Frank Sedler followed Mr. Hannaford; Bro. Sedler caused a vestry to be erected, but left it unfinished. Rev. B. A. Rich the present incumbent, finished and furnished the building. Sister Eliza Mitchell, a member of the society, gave to the church in her will, her nice home for a parsonage. May the Lord bless the little band of Christians in Buckfield village.

FRYEBURG.

We have a small society in Fryeburg. Fryeburg circuit includes Stowe. The church in Fryeburg was organized in 1829; at one time it was a flourishing society, but like many of our churches it has been shorn of its strength. We hope it may take a new lease of life and the society live forever.

Waterford was visited by Rev. Joseph Baker, a Methodist preacher in 1802. He preached one sermon in town. In 1806, a class was formed and Waterford became a part of Poland circuit.

In 1816, a Quarterly meeting, "the first held in the town," was held in the barn of John Shaw.

A church was erected in 1815 and completed the following year. In 1835, a new church was built. The new church was burned in 1844. Another house of worship was built the next year. Sweden is a part of Waterford Circuit.

Hiram for many years has been connected with Baldwin. We have had a following and a society in town for more than 60 years.

We have a society of 11 members in Dixfield. Said society was organized about four months ago. We hope the little one may become a thousand.

It is a little more than a hundred years since Methodism was introduced into the part of the State now called Oxford County. We have now 900 members, 100

probationers. During the hundred years last past, thousands have transferred their relationship from the M. E. church in Oxford County to the church. Triumphant, but we are one.

One family in Him we dwell and we will meet them by and by. We have \$52,000 worth of church property.

Oxford County has given to the M. E. church 36 ministers.

PERSONAL.

Geo. B. Hannaford son of C. C. and H. E. Hannaford was born in Winthrop, Me. He became a convert to the Christian religion in Dec., 1856. Subsequently he heard the Master call him to the work of the ministry. He preached his first sermon in South Benton in June, 1869. He became a resident of Oxford County in 1874.

He has preached more sermons in the County, officiated at more weddings and funerals than any other minister now living.

Martha's Vineyard.

Chilmark named after a locality in Wiltshire, England, lies between Tisbury and Gay Head. Its western border contains a charming range of hills, with huge boulders and considerable forests. At Roaring Brook, the superior clays which are an extension of the renowned cliffs of Gay Head, were erected at one time, the famous brick works, moved by improved steam machinery under the management of the Vineyard Brick & Tile works. More than eighty tons of clay were daily used, making a brick per second, or 30,000 per day. The kiln department had a capacity for 1,000,000 bricks piled for burning.

The cost of transportation finally caused this to be abandoned and now everything is in ruins. It is, however, one of the most picturesque spots on the island and well worth a visit.

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COUNTY NEWS.
 OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

WEST BETHEL.

"March, the blustering son of Mars
 Marches boldly in to-night,
 Guided by the silver stars
 O'er a carpet cold and white."
 The lamb-like weather is coming
 the last of the month.

A. S. Bean had a team of eight
 large horses out Sunday breaking
 roads.

First class cooking, and a good
 variety to be had at Poplar Taver-
 n.

J. E. Pike has his new store
 nearly ready to fill with goods and
 customers are patiently waiting
 for the opening.

An old barn owned by Mrs. Irene
 Needham was crushed last week
 by the great heft of snow on
 the roof, and is a total wreck.

Sixty cars loaded with oats have
 been side-tracked here since the
 first of the winter, and during the
 past week two engines with a snow
 plough, and from twenty to thirty
 men with shovels, have been
 extricating them from their fet-
 ters and sending them by special
 trains to Portland. Many of the
 workmen came from Gorham and
 Berlin, N. H.

NORWAY.
 C. H. Adams and wife visited re-
 latives at West Paris this week.

H. Dennison Cole from Davis,
 West Virginia, is visiting his father,
 Horace Cole.

Mr. Gould of Boston, has been
 visiting friends in town for the
 past few days. Mr. Gould is to
 go to Ohio to work at his trade as
 shoe cutter.

Rev. B. S. Rideout delivered the
 first of a short series of lectures on
 "A Brief Outline History of Con-
 gregationalism" Sunday evening at
 the 2nd Congregational church. He
 had a very good audience, and
 his subject proved to be a most in-
 teresting one.

The Little Androscoggin Valley
 Sunday School Association did not
 meet here last Tuesday, as was
 planned, on account of the severe
 storm but was postponed to Wed-
 nesday, March 2nd. It will be held
 at the Methodist church with the
 same programme as was to have
 been given Feb. 22nd.

When bilious or constive, eat a
 Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure
 guaranteed, 10c.

SUNDAY RIVER.
 Mary Jackson is working at C.
 D. Bean's.

Dinner at Poplar Tavern—25
 cents.

Allie Emery is hauling birch for
 Chas. Moore.

H. M. Kendall has finished haul-
 ing his poplar to Bethel station.

Albert Eames of Lawrence, Mass.,
 is visiting his father, J. F. Eames.

James Spiney's little daughter
 who has been very sick is recover-
 ing.

Lorin Trask will haul the birch
 from David Fleet's to Thurston's
 mill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bean are re-
 joicing over the advent of a fine
 boy.

MASON.
 The question now is who will be
 our next road commissioner. Town
 meeting next Monday.

Addison Bean saw a black fox in
 front of his house last Saturday,
 closely followed by a hound.

We have had but very little com-
 munication with the outside world
 for the past three weeks, so news is
 scarce.

Great excitement over the war-
 ship Maine and every young man
 longing to avenge the death of
 those young men that went down
 with the gallant ship.

The roof of J. C. Bean's house
 would have crushed in had not S. O.
 Grover discovered it just in season.
 The snow was five feet deep and it
 took several hours for two men to
 clear the buildings of snow.

Snow, snow, beautiful snow!
 Will it ever let up? We have good
 seven-feet in the woods. The crew
 of Ernest Morrill came out of the
 woods last week, having several
 hundred cords cut ahead of the
 teams.

SCROFULA.
 One of America's most fa-
 mous physicians says: "Scrofu-
 la is external consumption." Scrofu-
 lous children are often beau-
 tiful children, but they lack nerve force, strong bones,
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ALBANY.

Miss Maude Beckler visited at
 S. G. Bean's the 16th.

The Circle which was to have
 been at the vestry the 17th of Feb.,
 but was postponed on account of
 the bad storm, will meet the
 first Thursday in March.

Herbert I. Bean of New York,
 has been in town for a few days,
 on a visit to his parents; he re-
 ports no snow in New York. We
 only wish we could lend them a
 little of our Maine snow.

Mrs. Inez Johnson received quite
 a fright during one of the recent
 wind blows. One of the chamber
 windows on the north end of the
 house was blown in with quite a
 crash. As luck would have it,
 help was near at hand, and with
 some difficulty and several pair of
 "cold fingers" they succeeded in
 getting the window nailed up with-
 out further damage being done
 to the house.

The L. R. T. Club met with Mrs.
 E. T. Jenkins, Feb. 26th. The
 meeting was decidedly interesting
 and instructive. The club is mak-
 ing a study of the "Poets" at pre-
 sent, having taken Longfellow as
 a subject at the last meeting.

The next meeting will be held at
 the home of Miss Ada O. Bean,
 Mar. 9th, at which time the sub-
 ject under discussion will be J. G.
 Whitfield, "The Quaker Poet."

There was quite a good attend-
 ance at Round Mountain Grange,
 Feb. 19th, in spite of bad roads.
 We think the Master did his share
 towards getting the members
 there as we noticed seven besides
 himself in his team as he drove
 up to the hall. Three of the lady
 members walked a distance of
 nearly two miles over roads which
 were certainly none of the best.
 We can but feel that the inter-
 est in our grange work is increas-
 ing with each meeting. The pro-
 gram for the next meeting is as
 follows:

Music. Viola Cummings.
 Recitation. Singing. Choir.
 Select Reading. Evie Hutchinson.
 Debate—Resolved that the brothers du-
 ties are greater on a farm than those of
 the sisters.

Maude Beckler, Edith.
 Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets,
 the finest liver and bowel regula-
 tor ever made.

SOUTH PARIS.
 Miss Alice Davis is working in
 the Post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Marshall were
 recently made happy by the birth
 of a son.

The annual report of the town
 officers of Paris, for 1897, has been
 gotten out.

The High school closed last Fri-
 day for a vacation of an indefinite
 number of weeks.

Mrs. Maude Chesley of Auburn,
 formerly of this place, visited
 friends here last week.

Earle Stuart went to Lewiston
 last Friday to spend a few days of
 his vacation from school.

Mr. Pearl Adkins, an operative
 in the sled factory, has bought the
 Frank Libby house on Hill street.

The electric have not been able
 to make regular trips the past two
 weeks, owing to the stormy
 weather.

Charles Howard of Boston, who
 formerly clerked at Shurtlett's
 drug store is in town where he will
 spend a few days.

Mr. Alfred Morse, the well-
 known abolitionist of this place,
 recently left here for a two weeks'
 visit in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Prof. L. P. Gerrish, the principal
 of the High school, returned to his
 home in Lisbon Falls last Saturday,
 after closing a successful term of
 twelve weeks.

The pupils of the High school
 held a meeting last Friday, for the
 purpose of electing officers for the
 publication of their school paper,
 The Chronicle.

Bert Andrews, formerly of the
 firm Noyes & Andrews, of Norway,
 has bought the stock of C. W. Bow-
 ker & Co., the well known dry
 goods dealer of this place, and will
 continue business in the same
 store.

The people of this place, were
 awakened last Tuesday morning
 about one o'clock by the whistle
 of three freight engines, combined
 with that of the sled factory and
 the ringing of the Methodist church
 bell. They soon found that the tin-
 plating department of the Paris
 Mfg. Co. was in flames. The
 building was so nearly demolished
 that a stream of water which was
 thrown upon it did little good. As
 it was an out building, the loss was
 estimated about \$700. It was
 indemnified by a fair insurance.

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 berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-
 rhoea Remedy, and that is that it
 excels any proprietary medicine I
 have seen on the market, and I
 have been in the practice of medi-
 cine and the drug business for the
 past forty years." J. M. Jackson, M.
 D., Bronson, Fla. Physicians like
 Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
 Diarrhoea Remedy because it is a
 scientific preparation, and because
 it always gives quick relief. Get
 a bottle at G. R. Wiley's, Bethel
 and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond
 drug store.

GILEAD.
 Mr. Perley B. Heath according
 to report, is improving in health.
 First class cooking and a good
 variety to be had at Poplar Taver-
 n.

There is a snow storm in pro-
 gress as we write, on the 26th; the
 falling flakes indicate a westerly
 wind.

We were sorry to find yesterday,
 the 25th, that Mrs. H. R. Gammon
 had been quite ill for two or three
 days. We hope she will speedily
 regain her health.

We are informed that there was
 quite a crew of men from Berlin,
 in our village, the 22nd, helping our
 local trackmen to remove the snow
 from the G. T. R. We know not
 but what men from the village
 were also at work at that time.
 We believe we saw some of them
 handling the shovel there not
 many days ago.

RUMFORD FALLS.
 There will be a concert Monday
 and Tuesday evenings of this week
 in Cheney Hall, under the leader-
 ship of Prof. W. S. Wight.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford preached
 in the Methodist church last Sun-
 day morning and in the Union
 church at Mexico in the afternoon.
 Daniel Bragdon of West Dur-
 ham, gave a very interesting lec-
 ture in the Universalist church last
 Sunday evening, subject, Temper-
 ance.

MILTON PLANTATION.

The men are beginning to talk
 town meeting.

Ivy Richardson has returned
 from her school at Kents Hill.

Joseph McAllister is working for
 E. Andrews on his Bethel farm.

E. Andrews of Rumford has
 bought Ed. Stevens' valuable colt.

Florence Richardson has return-
 ed home from her school at South
 Paris.

M. L. Richardson seems to have
 grown young since he became
 grandpa.

Are you aware that you can get
 a first class dinner at Poplar Taver-
 n for 25 cents.

Mrs. Bert Jackson and daughter
 who have been visiting her moth-
 er, Rachel Edwards on E. Ed-
 wards' farm, returned to her home
 in Snow's Falls, Monday.

W. S. Peasley who has been stay-
 ing at M. L. Richardson's the past
 week, returned to his work in Nor-
 way Monday, the happy papa to a
 girl baby.

Mann's clothes pin factory had to
 shut down for lack of birch; so
 much snow it is impossible to get
 lumber from the woods where he
 has men chopping.

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 and biliousness. Please buy and try a box
 of C. C. G. today! 10c, 25c, 50c. Sold and
 guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

WEST LOVELL.
 The road roller was out after the
 big storm with eight horses and as
 many men.

W. S. Fox of Norway, has re-
 turned from Cold River and is at
 work for John A. Fox.

Mr. A. LeBaron has a man at
 work for him from Nova Scotia by
 the name of Brown.

Alexander Larocque was home
 Saturday from Sampson's mill at
 North Chatham.

The heavy storms don't hinder
 the pack peddlers from getting
 around on their regular trips.

BRYANT POND.
 T. R. Alec and William Day
 went to Medford, Mass., Monday,
 to attend the funeral of their brother,
 Charles.

Miss Grace Stevens and Miss
 Alice Day visited friends in West
 Paris, last week.

This week Miss Grace Stevens
 goes to Gorham, Me., to spend a
 week with her sister Lizzie, who
 is attending school there.

Mr. Rufus Dunham is quite low;
 he had a very bad spell with his
 heart last week.

It is reported that we are to
 have a new M. D. in the near fu-
 ture.

NORTH WEST BETHEL.
 Henry Douglas has gone to his
 home on Bethel Hill.

Jack Downie who has worked
 for H. N. Upton for some time, is
 in this neighborhood at present.

Warner Kendall, well known
 here, and at his former home in
 Bethel has been promoted, and is
 now a conductor on the G. T. R.,
 where he has worked for some
 years as brakeman.

A Noted Minstrel.
 M. T. Skiff, formerly business
 manager for W. J. Scanlon, the
 Irish Comedian, suffered with
 Rheumatism for years without re-
 lief until he bought a bottle of
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 Two bottles made a well man of
 him. There are a thousand reme-
 dies for Rheumatism, but none
 have received the unsolicited tes-
 timonials from prominent peo-
 ple as shown by Dr. Chamberlain's Light-
 ning Remedy. When a cure is
 wanted, send \$5 to the Dr. Chamberlain's
 Medicine Co., New York, and they
 will ship to your address two large
 bottles of the Remedy—enough for
 one month's treatment. Agents
 wanted.

HASTINGS.
 Shovelling snow seems to be the
 order of the day.

Harry Hobson has returned
 home from Portland.

The mill has been shut down the
 past few days owing to the storm.

Miss Sadie King of Island Pond,
 is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur
 Cobb.

Rufus Rice of Bethel, has been
 visiting his brother, B. W. Rice
 for a few days.

THE EMERALD MINSTRELS.

The Emerald Minstrels gave a
 fine entertainment the 19th; it is
 hoped they will give another soon.

Mrs. George Rice of North Wa-
 terford, stopped on her way home
 from Haverhill, N. H., to visit her
 son, Burnham Rice.

Owing to the storm the train has
 not been out to Gilead the past few
 days, the mail being carried by
 team to connect with the Grand
 Trunk.

The Wild River Lumber com-
 pany has sold its property to a syn-
 dicate of capitalists from different
 parts of the country although it is
 understood that the present com-
 pany does not relinquish control
 of the property for about a year.

For some time, I have suffered
 with rheumatism and tried every
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 Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to
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 ing me that it had cured many
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 G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O.
 Jones, Bryant Pond.

MARSHALL HILL.
 Roscoe Swan of Greenwood,
 made us a pleasant visit last week.

Isaiah Hazeltine and wife made
 a pleasant call at J. H. Briggs' re-
 cently.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hazeltine visit-
 ed their daughter, Mrs. L. Ad-
 dews, Thursday.

Miss Annie Kimball of Middle
 Intervale, is visiting at George
 Briggs' a few days.

Mrs. Nellie Flint who has been
 spending a few days at Norway, re-
 turned home, Wednesday.

Clarence Briggs and Roscoe
 Swan visited their grandfather,
 J. H. Briggs, recently.

Geo. Fernald of Harrison who
 has been very sick at his brother's,
 C. H. Fernald's, is so as to be out
 again.

LOCKE'S MILLS.
 Mr. Wesley Kimball is very sick.
 Dana Grant goes out on pleasant
 days.

W. H. Farnham and wife went
 to Bethel, Monday.

Llewellyn Bryant is enjoying a
 visit from his two brothers, Ed.
 and Bert of Boston.

Mrs. Annie Emery and Mrs. Nel-
 lie Cross went to Norway, Friday
 of last week, returning Saturday.

A. L. Emery who has been in
 North Abington for the past few
 weeks at work in the shoe shop,
 came home Friday of last week
 sick; he is better at the present
 time.

EAST ANDOVER.
 W. W. Perkins has filled a con-
 tract for Barnes Mills.

We think measles are all done
 away with in town.

Mrs. Clifford is spending the
 winter in Lewiston.

Green Averill and wife have gone
 to Ramford Falls to work in a ho-
 tel.

Shovelling snow is the order of
 the day, and yet there is more to
 follow.

W. A. Farrington has a crew in
 the woods cutting birch for Grover
 Mills.

Miss Lillian and Eva Procter for-
 merly of this place, have been
 around calling on friends.

Mrs. O. A. Hodson from Au-
 burn, has located here and is doing
 a good business at cloak and dress-
 making; are all perfect fits
 that go from her shop.

Mr. Barker and wife from Mass-
 achusetts, are visiting at W. W.
 Perkins'. Mr. Perkins has hoped
 to take them to the logging camps
 and other places which interest
 them, but it is continual snow that
 meets their eyes.

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 umns of newspapers everywhere.
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 ment curing any ordinary case, the
 full supply of two large bottles
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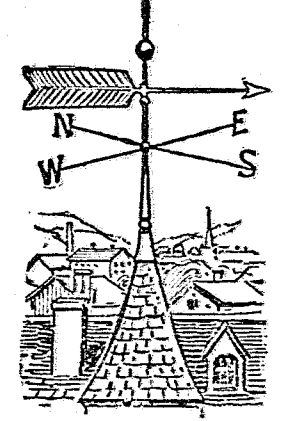
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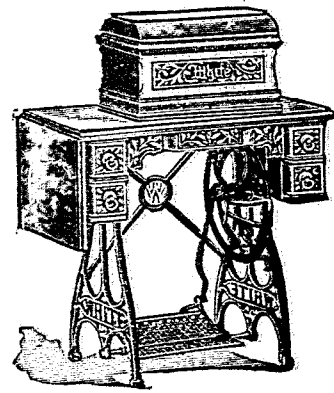
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1877	New York Union Fire Insurance Society, New York, Eng.	2,201,182.00
1865	Caledonian Insurance Company, Edinburgh and Scotland	1,830,690.45
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1874	The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.	674,229.00
1868	Globe Fire Insurance Company, N. Y.	673,550.82
1825	Aachen and Munich Fire Insurance Company, Aachen, Germany	413,721.07
1866	Swedish Fire Insurance Company, Gothenburg, Sweden	2,201,182.00
1859	Equitable Life Assurance Society, N. Y.	516,773,947.00
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

IT SHOULD BE FITTED FOR THE PUBLIC NEEDS.

Its Prime Purpose is to Place the Right Books in the Proper Hands—Should Attract and Please—The Building Less Important Than Its Contents.

The importance of a public library as an adjunct to the schools is very generally recognized, and there are few towns in the east that cannot boast a fairly good public library, which is open to all, as its name implies. Writing on the subject in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, Mr. John Cotton Dana gives excellent advice as to the functions of the public library and points out that books are of vastly more importance than architectural grandeur. He says:

"The power of a library lies first in its books. Up to a certain variable limit, varying with the character and the time and the place, quantity of books is of first importance. As the library supported by compulsory taxation is justified only as it serves to make the ignorant citizen wise and the wise citizen wiser still, its first care should be for its supply of tools—its implements for cultivating wisdom—its books.

The library building, as of the second and not of the first importance, should therefore be economical in its construction. It need not be—it should not be—penurious in its appearance. To a limited extent it may speak to the passerby of the generosity of the community, of the respect in which its builders hold the business of education, of its skill and plain and unadorned adapted to the purpose for which it is designed it can not well escape the attributes of dignity and, to the reasoning observer, of beauty.

The magnificent pile to which architect and builder have poured their skill and passivity with pride, which may have the taxpayer into forgetfulness of the contractor's bills—this has no excuse. It comes, and it promises to come often, but it is permitted by the populace in momentary forgetfulness of the public library's excuse and function, not in reasoned belief in the utility of bibliographical palaces.

The public owns its public library. This fact sheds much light on the question of public library management. It means that the public library must be fitted to public needs. It must suit its community. It must do the maximum of work at the minimum of expense. It must be an economical educational machine. It must give pleasure, for only where pleasure is the profit is made. It must change in its manner of administration with the new time, the new relations of books to men and of men to books. It need not altogether forget the bookworm or the belated historian, and it can take no pleasure and there of the lover of the doles and the freaks among printed things.

But its prime purpose is to place the right books in the proper hands, to get more joyful and wise thoughts into the minds of its owners. The means of its support are taken by force from the pockets of the competent and provident. This fact should never be lost sight of. It lives in a measure by the sword. It justifies itself in this manner of securing its support by putting into practice the familiar theory that the state, would it insure its own continuance, must see that all its citizens have access to the stores, in books, of knowledge and wisdom. It must be open to its public; it must invite its public; it must attract its public; it must educate its public—all to the end that it may educate its public.

THE OLD TIME FRIENDS.

Mister "Soldier of the Legion," you are dying in a ditch. And the boy upon "the burning deck" is shedding bitter tears. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light.

Sir John Moore will be buried in his ancient soldier's coat. While not a drum is beating, and we hear no And Mary, known to all the girls so very long ago, Will tell us out that "little lamb" whose "feet were white as snow."

And Cato will tell Plato that he reasons very well. While Euclid on the future in soliloquy will dwell. And we'll hearken on the hilltops, and we'll listen in the glade To the wonder and the thunder of the charging "Light Brigade."

But come, old friends, and lead us to the meadows far away, For the boys who tramp the curfew once are getting old and gray. And death, the reckless ranger, is thinning But in dreams they drift to Blenheim—to "Blenheim on the Rhine!" —Boston Traveler.

Some Florida Rivers.

F. R. Spearman writes in St. Nicholas "Queer American Rivers." Mr. Spearman, in speaking of the peculiar streams of Florida says:

In Florida one may have another odd experience, a river ride in an ox cart. Florida rivers are usually shallow, and when the water is high you can travel for miles across country behind oxen, with more or less river under you all the way. There are ancient jokes about Florida steamboats that travel on heavy dew and use spades for paddle wheels.

But those of you who have been on the rivers know there is but one Florida with its bearded oaks and fringed willows, its dusky woods, carpeted with glassy waters, its cypress bays, where lonely rangers pose, silently thoughtful (of stray polliwogs), and its birds of wondrous plumage that rise with startled splash when the noiseless canoe glides down upon their haunts.

Every strange fowl and every hideous reptile, every singular plant and every tangled jungle, will tell the American boy how far he is to the south. Florida is, in fact, his corner of the tropics, and the clear waters of its rivers, stained to brown and wine color with the juices of a tropical vegetation, will tell him, if he reads nature's book, how different from the sandy soil of the south is from the yellow mold of the great western plains.

How Norwegian Men Vote.

Some interesting particulars with regard to this subject are given in the Norsk Skiløberforening Tidende. Norwegian seamen, it appears, are now entitled to vote before leaving their country if the polling day is within three months of their departure, or they can vote at a foreign port within the same time by having their votes registered and sent home through a Norwegian consul or through a notary, if they are not on board a Norwegian ship. If on board a Norwegian ship where there are not less than four of the crew entitled to vote, then the captain and two of them are to administer the polling. It is not absolutely necessary to vote for named persons. Votes may be given for Liberal or Conservative candidates. Seamen who would vote must provide themselves with a proxy form, to be obtained from a registrar of voters in Norway.

ENERGY AND ECONOMY.

Two Strong Forces to Employ in Helping a Town Grow.

Not long ago a prominent citizen of a prosperous city in Minnesota expressed the opinion that the residents of a community work for its upbuilding it will never grow. Here is what he said of his own town: While our city is enjoying a great degree of prosperity, it is not greater than it has been for twenty years past. Our city has steadily increased in prosperity since 1890. In 1890 the push and energy of our citizens secured the location of a pork packing institution in this city. This was followed within a year by the location in the city of an excellent stove foundry. Our firm and its many hands of live and energetic managers, who increased the daily output from 400 to 800 barrels. This was followed by importing lively hushers and establishing a first class creamery, and the foregoing establishments and one or two institutions, such as brick yards, lime kilns, mineral and bottling works, have given our city constant and substantial prosperity.

The hard times have not affected any of our institutions. None of them have suspended operation, but all have at all times kept their boiler fires bright and their men employed. These institutions, in connection with competing elevators, have given to our tributary farmers a good, open and satisfactory market for all their products, thus securing to us a valuable farmers' trade.

We attribute our prosperity entirely to the push and energy of our citizens, coupled with careful and economical habits, to a strict adherence to the income, an absence of speculation and depending upon their own efforts and labors.

The energy and economy of our citizens, aided by an economical city and country administration, are what is helping us, and we need nothing else and nothing more to succeed.

VILLAGE SANITATION.

House Construction Poor and Surroundings Unwholesome.

Village houses are always poor sanitary structures. The cellars and foundations are improperly constructed, and as a result ground air permeates the whole dwelling, especially in winter. A simple proof course in the walls and a lamp of concrete and asphalt would be considered a luxury rather than a necessity in the country. Another point about cellars is the fact that they are frequently the receptacle for decaying vegetable and other vegetables, a fact which certainly does not add to the healthfulness of the house.

In the winter the heating and ventilation are very poor, because almost all village houses are stove heated, and the house to be effectively heated by stoves there must be a series of fresh air inlets and foul air outlets suitably arranged, and these do not exist in village dwellings.

Outside the house the first thing that strikes the sanitarian is the garden filled perhaps with decaying cabbage, kitchen refuse and the like. It is needless to state that a lawn is the best thing to have about a dwelling. If there is a garden, it must be cultivated thoroughly, or it will be worse than none at all. Decaying vegetables—in fact, all putrescent refuse—should be buried—Sanitarian.

Health of Philadelphia.

The statistics of local mortality for the year 1897 show that Philadelphia is well maintaining its enviable position as one of the healthiest cities in the world. The death rate per thousand was only 18.73, and this in spite of the recent prevalence of diphtheria and scarlet fever. This is a good showing, better than that of either Chicago or New York, and compares favorably with London, whose last recorded rate was 18.50, and it speaks well alike for the habits of the people and for the efficiency of the municipal administration along sanitary lines.

Pastorized Cows.

Anxious Mother (looking for summer board) to the purpose, of course, you pastureize your milk? Puzzled Farmer—Oh, yes, marm. Lastways we pastureize one cow—Twinkles.

THE OLD TIME FRIENDS.

Mister "Soldier of the Legion," you are dying in a ditch. And the boy upon "the burning deck" is shedding bitter tears. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light. And we're getting closer—closer to the Eternity light.

TOWNS AROUND.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

When it snows and the wind sounds so dreary. The roads are all lost in the snow; Of this kind of winter I'm weary For a change, to Klondike let us go.

Maurice Bean of East Bethel was at Seth Mason's one day last week.

Lewis Brown of West Freeman, agent for the American Cultivator, was at this place recently.

Dana Grover finished hauling wood for Elmer Stearns the 15th, just in time to escape the bad storm.

Charlie Verrill recently hauled at one load, with a span of horses weighing about 28 hundred pounds, one cord and six feet of white birch from the mountain back of Wm. Chapman's to the mill yard of A. B. Bean.

BUCKFIELD.

Schools in the village closed Friday.

Several G. A. R. men attended encampment at Lewiston.

The wife of Robinson Dean who is at Los Angeles, Cal., with her two daughters, is reported sick.

C. M. Irish has gone to Boston to confer with the patrons. If they can hold their trade they propose to rebuild, if not, they will not rebuild.

The Die block mill owned and operated by C. M. Irish was burned Sunday evening, together with quite an amount of lumber and material.

MILAN.

18 inches of snow fell last Wednesday.

George Demeritt lost a valuable horse the 21st.

C. E. Phipps and wife visited their daughter at Shelburne, last week.

Marcia Phipps gave a five o'clock tea to eight of her schoolmates.

Myra Henry who has been very sick with scarlet fever, died Sunday morning.

Mrs. Willis Holmes, Mrs. L. Jewett, Mrs. F. Horn and Mrs. Sanford Yates were the guests of Mr. J. S. Phipps one day last week.

Sanford Coffin who was hurt in Blanchard & Twitchell's woods last Monday, was brought to the hospital at Berlin and is improving and will be moved home soon.

BROWNFIELD.

Miss Edith Swan is with her brother, Charles Swan.

Mr. Edward Moulton from Cambridgeport, Mass., is visiting his old Brownfield home for a few days.

The political parties have not yet called their caucuses, but will do so next week, in time for a few days labor before town meeting.

The fathers of the town are working hard to have their annual report ready for the printer this week; they are now explaining matters to the auditor.

Glad to see the sun once more after two weeks absence from sight. The snow blockade we hope to raise soon, though it will prove a hard fight to win; there is now over 5 feet of snow on the ground.

The items from Porter this week says the worst catastrophe that has been known for years in this section, will occur March 7th, when this town will convene to elect town officers and a road commissioner. Brownfield is nearly through with that catastrophe as it occurred here a year ago.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1897.

Real estate owned by the company, unencumbered, \$64,600

Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$4,596 25

Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value, 455,936 25

Loans secured by collateral, 43,525 04

Cash in company's principal office and in bank, 4,266 54

Interest due and accrued, 163,387 41

Premiums in due course of collection, 163,387 41

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value, \$731,265 24

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1897.

Not amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$129,501 10

Amount required to safely insure all outstanding risks, 202,524 74

All other demands against the company, viz., commissions, etc., 81,052 77

Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and not surplus, 403,078 61

Capital actually paid up in cash, 200,000

Surplus beyond capital, 125,186 63

Aggregate amount of liabilities including not surplus, \$731,265 24

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